IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MARK L. BUNCE, :

Plaintiff,

.

v. : CIVIL ACTION

NO. 23-1740

VISUAL TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS,

INC., and MATHU RAJAN,

Defendants.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of August, 2024, upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss or Strike Second Amended Answer and Counterclaims and to Recover Attorneys' Fees (ECF No. 66), Defendants' Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims and Reply in Support of Leave to Amend (ECF No. 68), and Reply in Support of Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss or Strike Second Amended Answer and Counterclaims (ECF No. 70), and after consideration of the representations made by counsel at the Status Conference held on August 8, 2024, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Defendants' Second Amended Answer, Affirmative Defenses, Counterclaims and Third-Party Claims (ECF No. 62) is **STRICKEN** as improperly filed.
- 2. Plaintiff's request for an award of attorneys' fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1927 for fees he incurred to prepare and file his motion is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

BY THE COURT:

HON. KAI N. SCOTT

United States District Court Judge